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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Revise the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A culinary brush, comprising:

a handle comprising a plurality of internal surfaces in cross-section which define a flexible reservoir therein for containing a material and comprising closed and open ends, each of the plurality of internal surfaces extending between the open and closed ends, a first at least one of the plurality of surfaces in cross-section ~~comprising a substantially continuous upward~~ diverging from at least one other a point at such closed end upwardly along substantially an entire length of the first surface, the point being in common with another of the plurality of surfaces in cross-section; and

a plurality of bristles through which the material is passable to and/or from the reservoir.

2. (Previously Presented) The brush according to claim 1, wherein both the handle and bristles are made of a material selected from the group consisting of silicone and elastomer.

3. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, wherein both the handle and bristles are made of the same material.

4. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, wherein the handle containing the reservoir is adapted to be held and applied by one hand.

5. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, wherein the handle has a length between 5 and 20 cm.

6. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, wherein the handle has a greater transverse dimension between 3 and 6 cm.

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7. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, wherein the reservoir has an internal volume between 10 and 80 cubic cm.

8. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, further comprising a nozzle coupled to the handle, the nozzle being adapted to be manually disconnected from the handle and including the bristles.

9. (Original) The brush according to claim 8, wherein the nozzle and handle are adapted to be detachably engaged to one another by use of complementary shaped features.

10. (Original) The brush according to claim 8, wherein the nozzle includes a cross channel through which an item within the reservoir can be dispensed.

11. (Original) The brush according to claim 10, wherein the bristles extend from an end of the nozzle opposite an end interconnected to the handle, the bristles distributed around an outlet of the cross channel.

12. (Original) The brush according to claim 11, wherein the bristles are substantially evenly distributed around the cross channel to form at least one ring of bristles around the cross channel.

13. (Original) The brush according to claim 12, wherein three concentric rings of bristles are distributed around the cross channel.

14. (Original) The brush according to claim 11, wherein each of the bristles has a length of between 15 and 40 mm.

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15. (Original) The brush according to claim 8, wherein one of the handle and the nozzle includes at least one annular groove and the other of the handle and the nozzle includes a ridge adapted to be detachably coupled to the groove.

16. (Original) The brush according to claim 15, wherein said one of the handle and the nozzle including the at least one annular groove includes a tubular portion in which the groove is disposed.

17. (Original) The brush according to claim 8, wherein one of the handle and the nozzle includes three annular grooves centered on a common axis and the other of the handle and the nozzle includes three ridges, each of the ridges adapted to be detachably coupled to a respective one of the three grooves.

18. (Original) The brush according to claim 8, wherein the handle, the nozzle and the bristles are made from different materials.

19. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, wherein the handle is adapted to elastically deform such that the reservoir within the handle returns to a non-compressed shaped upon release of a compressive force on the handle.

20. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, wherein the handle includes an inner surface defining the reservoir that contains a continuous curvature such that the entire reservoir is directly accessible from an opening to the reservoir.

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21. (Currently Amended) The brush according to claim 1, wherein the handle includes an internal reservoir extending from a the closed end ~~point~~ to a ~~circular-shaped~~ the open end thereof, the open end being circular in shape.

22. (Currently Amended) The brush according to claim 21, wherein the internal reservoir has an internal concave surface extending from the closed end ~~point~~ to the circular shaped open end and a cross-sectional area of the reservoir increases from the closed end ~~point~~ to the circular shaped open end.

23. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, wherein the handle has a shape of an elongated spindle.

24. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, wherein the handle includes an externally disposed rib, and the rib includes an orifice.

25. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, wherein the bristles are made from a thermoplastic material.

26. (Previously Presented) The brush according to claim 1, further comprising a nozzle coupled to the handle, the nozzle being adapted to be manually disconnected from the handle and including the bristles, and the nozzle is made from a thermoplastic material.

27. (Previously Presented) The brush according to claim 1, further comprising a nozzle coupled to the handle, the nozzle being adapted to be manually disconnected from the handle and including the bristles, and the nozzle is made from metal.

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28. (Withdrawn) The brush according to claim 1, wherein the handle includes an opening for the reservoir, and the brush further comprises a plug detachably connected to the handle to block the opening.

29. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, further comprising at least one hollow bristle in communication with the reservoir.

30. (Original) The brush according to claim 1, wherein the bristles are arranged in rows.

31. (Original) The brush according to Claim 1, wherein the handle is made partially from silicone or elastomer.

32. (Currently Amended) A culinary brush, comprising:

a handle comprising a plurality of internal surfaces in cross-section which define a flexible reservoir therein for containing a material and comprising closed and open ends, each of the plurality of internal surfaces extending between the open and closed ends, a first at least one of the plurality of surfaces in cross-section comprising a substantially continuous upward arc diverging from at least one other a point at such closed end upwardly along substantially an entire length of the first surface, the point being in common with another of the plurality of surfaces in cross-section; and

a nozzle coupled to the handle, and adapted to be manually disconnected therefrom.

33. (Previously Presented) The brush according to claim 32, wherein both the handle and nozzle are made of a material selected from the group consisting of silicone and elastomer.

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34. (Original) The brush according to claim 32, wherein the handle and nozzle are made from the same material.

35. (Original) The brush according to claim 32, wherein the handle is adapted to elastically deform such that the reservoir within the handle returns to a non-compressed shaped upon release of a compressive force on the handle.

36. (Currently Amended) The brush according to claim 32, wherein the handle includes an internal reservoir extending from ~~a~~ the closed end ~~point to a circular shaped~~ the open end thereof, the open end being circular in shape.

37. (Original) The brush according to claim 32, wherein the nozzle includes at least one hollow bristle in communication with the reservoir when the nozzle and handle are coupled.

38. (Currently Amended) A culinary brush, comprising:

a silicone handle comprising a plurality of internal surfaces in cross-section which define a flexible reservoir therein for containing a material and comprising closed and open ends, each of the plurality of internal surfaces extending between the open and closed ends, a first at least one of the plurality of surfaces in cross-section comprising a substantially continuous upward arc diverging from at least one other a point at such closed end upwardly along substantially an entire length of the first surface, the point being in common with another of the plurality of surfaces in cross-section; and

a silicone nozzle coupled to the handle, and adapted to be manually disconnected therefrom, the silicone nozzle comprising flexible silicone bristles extending therefrom.

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39. (Previously Presented) The brush according to claim 38, wherein the handle is adapted to elastically deform such that the reservoir within the handle returns to a non-compressed shaped upon release of a compressive force on the handle.

40. (Previously Presented) The brush according to claim 38, wherein the handle includes an inner surface defining the reservoir that contains a continuous curvature such that the entire reservoir is directly accessible from an opening to the reservoir.

41. (Currently Amended) The brush according to claim 38, wherein the handle includes an internal reservoir extending from a the closed end ~~point to a circular shaped~~ the open end thereof, the open end being circular in shape.

42. (Currently Amended) The brush according to claim 42, wherein the internal reservoir has an internal concave surface extending from the closed end ~~point~~ to the circular shaped open end and a cross-sectional area of the reservoir increases from the closed end ~~point~~ to the circular shaped open end.

43. (Previously Presented) The brush according to claim 38, wherein the handle has a shape of an elongated spindle.

44. (Previously Presented) The brush according to claim 38, wherein the handle includes an externally disposed rib, and the rib includes an orifice.

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45. (Currently Amended) A culinary brush, comprising:

a handle comprising an opening and a reservoir communicable therewith for dispensing a material, the reservoir being asymmetrical about a longitudinal axis passing through the midpoint of the opening;

a nozzle defining a channel terminating in an opening through which the material is passable to and/or from the reservoir, the nozzle comprising a plurality of bristles for application of the material to an intended surface, each of the bristles being substantially collapsible to enable delivery of a material from the intended surface through the opening and into the reservoir; and

an arcuate member extending longitudinally across the handle, and comprising a curvature substantially defined by the asymmetry of the reservoir, such curvature comprising an arc extending substantially along the entire length of the reservoir and to the opening thereof.

46. (Currently Amended) A culinary brush, comprising:

a first part comprising a plurality of internal surfaces in cross-section which define a reservoir therein for containing a material and comprising closed and open ends, each of the plurality of internal surfaces extending between the open and closed ends, a first at least one of the plurality of surfaces in cross-section comprising a substantially continuous upward arc diverging from at least one other from a point at such closed end upwardly along substantially an entire length of the first surface, the point being in common with another of the plurality of surfaces in cross-section;



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a second part operatively coupled to the first part to pass the material between the first part and an intended surface.

47. (Currently Amended) A culinary brush, comprising:

a handle comprising a plurality of internal surfaces in cross-section which define a material-containing reservoir comprising closed and open ends, each of the plurality of internal surfaces extending between the open and closed ends, a first at least one of the plurality of surfaces in cross-section comprising a substantially continuous upward are diverging from at least one other a point at such closed end upwardly along substantially an entire length of the first surface, the point being in common with another of the plurality of surfaces in cross-section; and

a nozzle operatively coupled with the handle for directing material from and/or into the reservoir, and comprising a plurality of bristles adapted for carrying the material between the reservoir and an intended surface, and for applying the material to the intended surface.

48. (Currently Amended) A culinary brush, comprising:

a plurality of portions, at least one thereof comprising a plurality of internal surfaces in cross-section which define a reservoir therein for containing a material and comprising closed and open ends, each of the plurality of internal surfaces extending between the open and closed ends, the reservoir comprising a cross-sectional area substantially defining the peripheral surface of its constituent portion, such surface being elastically deformable whereby upon receipt of a compressive force material contained within the reservoir may be dispensed therefrom through a second of the plurality of portions, and whereby upon release of the aforesaid compressive force,

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material may be introduced into the reservoir from a chosen surface on which the material is disposed, ~~at least one~~ a first of the plurality of surfaces in cross-section ~~comprising a substantially continuous upward~~ are diverging from a point at such closed end upwardly along substantially an entire length of the first surface, the point being in common with another ~~at least one other~~ of the plurality of surfaces in cross-section, the second portion comprising a plurality of bristles for facilitating movement of the material between the plurality of portions and the chosen surface, and for applying the material to the chosen surface.

49. (Currently Amended) A culinary brush, comprising:

a handle comprising a plurality of internal surfaces in cross-section which define a reservoir therein for containing a material and comprising closed and open ends, each of the plurality of internal surfaces extending between the open and closed ends, a first ~~at least one~~ of the plurality of surfaces in cross-section ~~comprising a substantially continuous upward~~ are ~~relative~~ diverging from ~~at least one other~~ a point at such closed end upwardly along substantially an entire length of the first surface, the point being in common with another of the plurality of surfaces in cross-section; and

a nozzle operatively coupled to the handle, and comprising a channel therethrough cooperable with a plurality of bristles, the nozzle and the handle being operable to communicate material between the reservoir and an intended surface.